

House Resolution 222

By: Representatives Lane of the 158th, Hill of the 180th, Burns of the 157th, Scott of the 2nd,
Lane of the 167th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Georgia Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb
2 on the occasion of his retirement and inviting him to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb has served the Georgia Department of Natural
5 Resources with dedication and devotion for more than 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb graduated from West Georgia College, earning both
7 bachelor's and master's degrees in biology; and

8 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department of Natural Resources, Commissioner
9 Holcomb has served as a wildlife technician, a wildlife biologist, regional supervisor,
10 assistant division director, and director and has honorably held the position of Commissioner
11 since August 9, 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb's outstanding service to the department earned him the
13 title of Wildlife Resources Technician of the Year in 1984 and a Meritorious Service Award;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, a resident of Plainville, Georgia, Commissioner Holcomb is active in many
16 organizations, including the Wildlife Society, the Southeastern Committee on Wildlife
17 Disasters, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the University of Georgia's
18 School of Forestry External Advisory Committee and Foundation Lands Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, one of Commissioner Holcomb's greatest achievements while with the
20 department was the creation of the Arrowhead Educational Center, a facility with classrooms
21 and instructors who teach students about the environment, conservation, wildlife, and natural
22 resource stewardship, serving five school systems and educating over 69,000 students to
23 date; and

24 WHEREAS, he is also responsible for ensuring the preservation of historic resources and the
25 implementation of environmentally sound business practices for conservation, economic
26 development, and outdoor recreation interests across the state; and

27 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb is united in love and marriage to his wife Terri
28 Holcomb, and the couple has been blessed with a remarkable son, Zane; and

29 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb will enjoy his retirement by spending time with his
30 family, hunting, fishing, canoeing, caving, and hiking; and

31 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working
32 individual as one of its citizens.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb for his years of service
35 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and extend best wishes on an enjoyable and
36 well deserved retirement.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb is hereby invited to
38 appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of
39 the House for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy
40 of this resolution.